

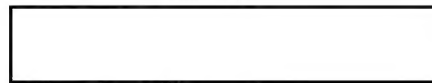
16 January 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of the Mahon Defense Subcommittee of
House Appropriations Committee - Thursday,
16 January 1964

1. The Director met with the Mahon Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee for the second day's session at one o'clock which concluded at 3:50 p.m. Accompanying the Director were:

Richard Helms
R. Jack Smith



John S. Warner

Present from the Committee were:

George H. Mahon
Gerald R. Ford, Jr.
Harold C. Ostertag
Glenard P. Lipscomb
William E. Minshall
Jamie L. Whitten
George W. Andrews
Daniel J. Flood

Present from the Committee staff were:

Ralph Preston
Robert L. Michaels
George Evans
Frank P. Sanders

Security arrangements were similar to the first day as per paragraph 2 of my Memorandum for the Record of that meeting. A transcript was taken.

2. Dr. Smith opened the meeting by doing in effect a simulated current intelligence briefing as he would normally conduct it for the Director at the morning meeting. The Director pointed out that this was the briefing he got each morning and that in effect similar briefings were concurrently made for the President and the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense. The group seemed most interested and asked a number of questions about this and the Daily Bulletin.

3. Mr. Mahon asked about the possibility of French recognition of Communist China and the Director discussed this in some detail. There were no comments by the members on this discussion.

4. The remainder of the session was devoted to a question and answer period. There are two action items which [] is developing: (a) Mahon asked for classified and unclassified figures on Russian grain consumption; and (b) Mr. Ford asked for cost figures on Soviet space expenditures.

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5. The members were most generous in their praise of this briefing. Mr. Whitten stated that he was "impressed with the objective view of the DCI and he felt it was the most informative briefing ever from CIA." He repeated these comments later and closed the meeting by saying it was an enlightening briefing and particularly found it useful looking at the various problems in all their aspects. Mr. Andrews commented that he thoroughly enjoyed the Director's briefing and subsequently repeated his kind remarks. Mr. Minshall also stated that he enjoyed the briefing and thought the Agency and the Director had done a very good job.

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